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OF THE

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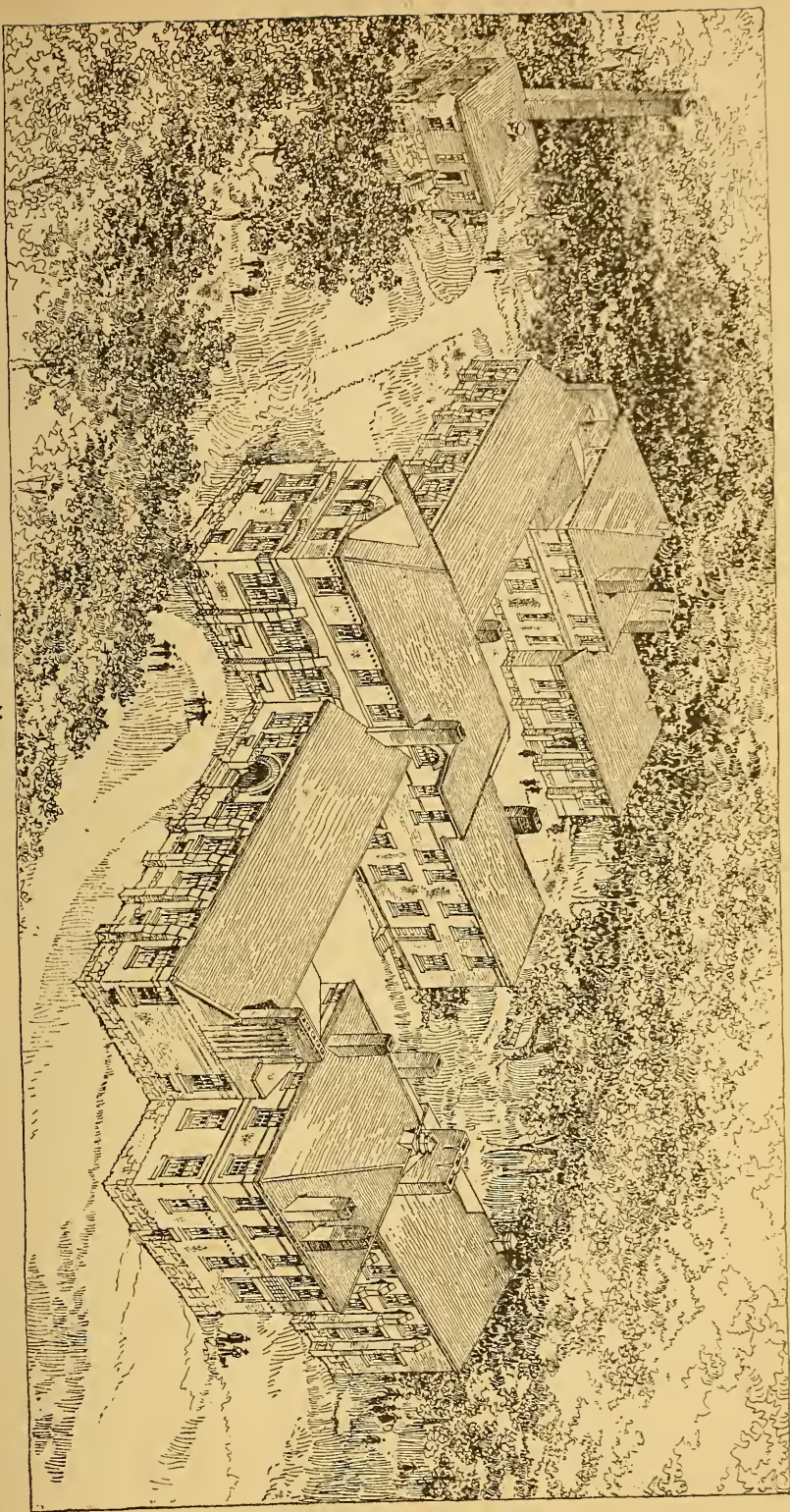
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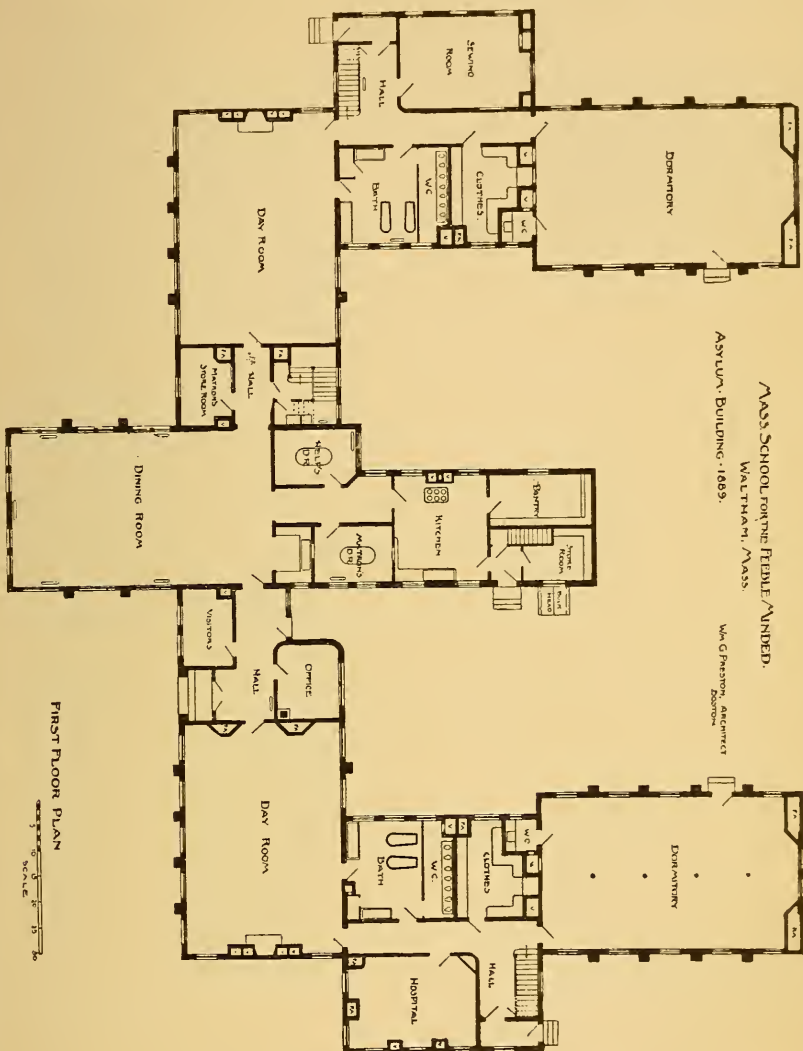
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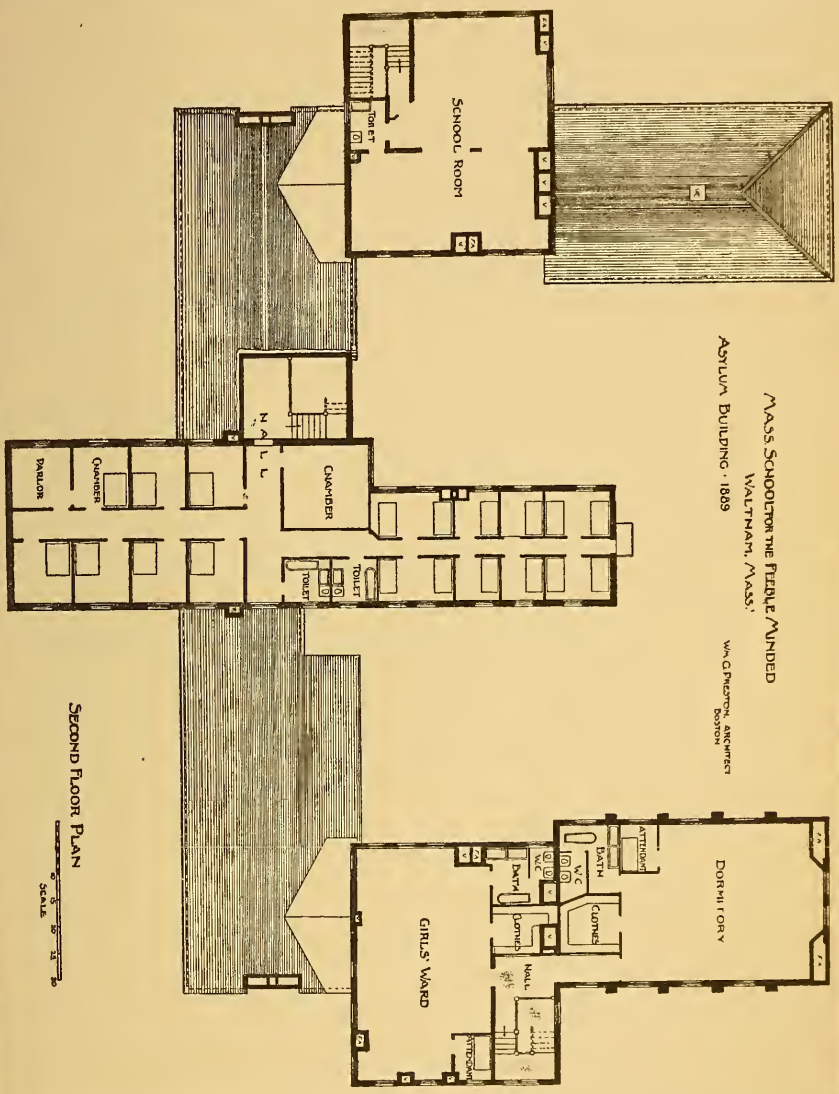
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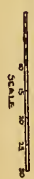


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MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED,
BOSTON, Oct. 10, 1889.

Hon. HENRY B. PEIRCE, *Secretary of State.*

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the Forty-second Annual Report of this institution, for the use of His Excellency the Governor and of the Legislature.

Yours respectfully,

W. W. SWAN,

Secretary.

TRUSTEES FOR 1889-1890.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED,
BOSTON, Oct. 10, 1889.

To the Corporation and the State Board of Education.

The trustees have the honor to present the following report for the year ending Sept. 30, 1889.

The accompanying reports of treasurer and superintendent exhibit in detail the condition of our financial and domestic affairs. Both are satisfactory.

The superintendent reports good health among the children; no epidemic, and no illness except such as is always incident to feeble children. The average number of children present throughout the year has been 198, at a weekly cost of \$3.47 per capita.

The interest in our work for the past year naturally centres in the building operations at Waltham, and the progress toward our removal thither. At the time of our last report, we were just finishing the additions and alterations to the farm-house. These were completed in December, and on the 22d

of January the boys were removed there from Dover. The farm at Dover has since been sold.

In our last report we stated that the first new building would be designed for custodial cases, for whose admission most urgent appeals were constantly made to us. This has been done.

During the winter, which was an open one, the excavation for foundations was made; early in the spring the foundations were put in, and during the summer the building has been erected, a plan and view of which are appended to this report.

We were long in deciding upon the form and details of this first building. In the other institutions for feeble-minded there are no buildings which we could copy,—none which even their own superintendent would approve as altogether worthy of imitation, although many are admirably adapted to their purposes. We found it difficult to break away from the traditional and conventional form of institution building, which is the outgrowth of a theory that large numbers can be more cheaply provided for in a single large building of three or four stories in height than in smaller and lower buildings. The fallacy of this theory has lately been demonstrated in a number of places, the most notable and successful instance within our knowledge being at the Willard Asylum for the Insane, in New York, to whose superintendent, Dr. P. M. Wise, we are indebted for valuable aid, which we most cordially acknowledge.

By a slow process of evolution and elimination the plans were worked out to the best of our ability, and were submitted for the approval of the Governor and

Council, in accordance with law (Resolves of 1888, chapter 82). They were approved, and we were permitted to expend \$60,000 in construction. Building has gone on during the summer, and now, as it is approaching completion, we are happy to say that it will be completed to the last detail, including boiler house, laundry, steam heating and grading, within the sum approved.

The plans appended to this report will explain to you, more clearly than any verbal description can, the arrangement of the building in detail. It is a compact group, rather than a single building. . One half of it is only one story in height, and nowhere is it more than two stories. The floor of every room is above the surface of the ground. In the centre of the group is the dining room. In the rear of the dining room is the kitchen, with small dining rooms for matron, attendants and servants. To the right and left of the dining room are the day rooms, thirty by forty feet, single story. In the rear of the day rooms are the dormitories, with bath-rooms, clothes rooms, etc., intervening. The north wing has a second story, containing two dormitories; a portion of the south wing has a second story, containing the training rooms. Over the dining room and kitchen are the sleeping rooms for matron, attendants and servants. The boiler house and laundry are in a distinct and separate building, distant about one hundred feet, connected by underground arch for conveyance of steam and water, but not to be used as a passage-way.

In the construction of the buildings, our architect,

Mr. W. G. Preston, has taken great pains to render them as secure as possible against fire. They are of brick, the inner wall being of porous terra-cotta, the adamant, cement or plaster being put directly on this, so that the walls are absolutely non-combustible. The floors are of the so-called mill construction; i. e., of heavy plank, without air spaces. The roofs are slated upon plank and sheathed on the under side with hard wood, directly in contact with the plank, making a solid roof, so that there is no opportunity for fire to spread unseen.

The details and arrangements for economical administration, when occupied, it is needless to rehearse, but we call your critical attention to them.

In addition to the direct work upon the buildings, we have been obliged to lay nearly half a mile of water mains, of four and six inches diameter, to connect this building with those yet to be erected, and with the city water mains. We have also built nearly a half mile of first-class roads, connecting the farmhouse with the new building, and running up the hill toward the proposed site of the main buildings. The coming year must and will be even more busy than the last.

At a special meeting called for the purpose, and held in July, on the grounds at Waltham, the site and relative arrangement of the main buildings were determined. They will consist of a group of six or seven detached buildings, — dormitories, gymnasium, school, shop, boiler house and laundry, administration building and kitchen; not arranged in checkerboard

fashion, but with reference to the contour of the land, and to a southerly exposure for all rooms to be occupied by the children.

With so much land, the temptation always is to put the buildings far apart; but economy of future administration dictates a distance only sufficient to secure abundant sunlight, free circulation of air, and protection against the spread of fire.

These buildings will, like the first, be built as nearly fire-proof as the circumstances will permit.

The plans for two of them, the gymnasium and school, are nearly completed, and we hope to have them roofed in before winter. The plans for the dormitories and boiler house are begun, leaving the administrative building to be planned during the coming winter.

The work of the large boys has really been of much value in excavating the trenches and basements, in road making, and in all such coarser forms of work, and the doing makes them very content and happy. We have also begun excavation of the site of a new barn, it being deemed inadvisable to repair or enlarge the old one. The farming operations have been very successful this summer, and we find the land on our new farm in every way superior to that at Dover.

We cannot close our report without mention of the unflagging zeal and signal ability which Dr. Fernald displays in the management of the school, from the smallest matter of daily routine to the most important questions involved in the plans for new buildings.

If the remainder of the buildings shall be as well devised and economically erected as the first, we shall have an institution which he may well be proud to call his own.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. ANDREW,
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ERSKINE WARDEN,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby present the following report for the year ending Sept. 30, 1889:—

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Number of pupils present Sept. 30, 1888, . . .	109	85	194
Admitted during year,	18	10	28
Whole number present during year,	127	95	222
Discharged during year,	9	8	17
Died during year,	2	1	3
Number of pupils present Sept. 30, 1889, . . .	116	86	202
Average number present during year,	—	—	198
Private pupils now present,	13	5	18
School beneficiaries of Massachusetts,	50	36	86
Custodial cases supported by the State,	10	14	24
Custodial cases supported by cities and towns,	31	27	58
Beneficiaries of other New England States,	12	4	16
Number at farm included above,	23	—	23
Applicants for admission during year,	76	46	122

Of the applicants for admission, 9 were admitted, 6 were declined because of unsuitable age, and 3 because they were insane. The remainder are awaiting their turn for admission. Sixteen of the applicants were adult females. There were 20 applications from other States.

The 28 cases admitted were evenly divided between the school and asylum departments. Eleven of the admissions were very low-grade cases, and each of them while at home required practically the entire time and attention of at least one adult member of

their family. Two of the admissions were adult females.

Of the 17 discharges, 5 were a good deal improved, and were kept at home to be of help to their parents; 3 were taken home by their friends for various reasons; 4 were insane; 4 were removed to almshouses by order of overseers of poor; and 1 was discharged as not feeble-minded.

There has been very little sickness in the school during the year past. For weeks at a time no child has been on the sick list. Two of the deaths were from tuberculosis, and the other from strangulated hernia.

The current expenses for the year have amounted to \$35,795.41, or \$3.47 per week for each inmate. Appended will be found an analyzed statement, showing the amounts expended for the various purposes. The item of travelling expenses is large, because of the great amount of travel of trustees, officers and employees, incident to the erection of the new buildings at Waltham.

The work of the school has gone on smoothly and profitably. Our best efforts have been put forth to improve the physical, mental and moral condition of the children entrusted to our care. We do not lose sight of the fact that, even under the most favorable circumstances, it is impossible for our pupils to entirely outgrow or overcome their defective mental condition. We endeavor to so develop and strengthen their feeble minds and bodies that they may be able to do their best in their handicapped struggle for existence. The chief aim and end of

all our instruction and training is to make the child useful and helpful to himself and to others when the school age is passed.

More occupation has been provided for our children than ever before. Our farm boys have done a large amount of the manual labor necessary for the clearing of the ground and the excavation of the basement of the asylum building and boiler house, road making and other work at Waltham. They have also done a good deal of the regular farm work. Enough bedding and table linen to thoroughly equip the new asylum building has been made in the sewing room by our girls, in addition to the usual amount of sewing for the school, also largely done by them.

The care and oversight of the building operations and other improvements on our new estate has made it necessary for me to be at Waltham during part of nearly every week day for the entire year. The faithful and conscientious manner in which the officers and employees have performed their respective duties has made my absence possible without detriment to the interests of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. FERNALD,

Superintendent.

Dr.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED, in Account with F. W. G. MAY, *Treasurer*.

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1889. Jan. Sept.	For rent of safe and boxes, stamps, stationery, etc., expenses, transfer of real estate, paid Mass. Title Insurance Co., expenditure on Waltham estate, including taking in water, etc., expenditure on farm buildings, expenditure on asylum building, expenditure for architect's services, salary of superintendent, investment and re-investment of funds, Howe farm fund, auditors' warrants paid at sundry times,	1888. Oct. 1, Nov. Dec. 1889. Feb. May June July Sept.	By balance from former account, gift of H. G. O. Chase to "Clothing Fund," by payment from State for expenditure on purchase of land at Waltham, gift of Joseph B. Glover to "Clothing Fund," rents at Waltham, "Howe Farm Fund," bank tax refunded by Commonwealth, payments from State, quarterly, collections at school, viz.:— For board and tuition, refunded bills, sales, income of funds and change of investments, payments from State on account of expenditure for building at Waltham, balance due,	\$4,991 53 5 00 6,954 21 50 00 170 00 2,500 00 217 72 25,000 00 21,755 16 6,751 89 24,419 98 1,616 06 \$94,431 55
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FRED. W. G. MAY, *Treasurer*.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

AT

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED,

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1889.

Meat, 34,799 pounds,	\$2,251 47
Fish, 3,432 pounds,	248 38
Butter, 3,066 pounds,	678 58
Rice and sago,	372 07
Flour and meal,	2,189 95
Vegetables,	586 90
Fruit,	219 10
Milk, 41,567 quarts,	2,638 70
Sugar, 9,041 pounds,	745 15
Tea, 249 pounds,	83 54
Coffee, 1,514 pounds,	255 55
Groceries,	503 57
Gas,	508 32
Oil,	4 45
Coal,	2,154 18
Wood,	20 75
Provisions, ice, etc.,	236 37
Hardware and crockery,	243 96
Bedding and table linen,	752 71
Furniture,	195 36
Mending, thread, etc.,	306 59
Superintendence and instruction,	7,375 75
Domestic services,	7,553 14
Expenses of quarterly meetings,	32 00
Car tickets, travel, etc.,	441 79
Laundry,	250 87
Shop,	158 73
Stationery,	39 45

Postage,	\$55 03
Record books,	24 88
School materials, books, papers, etc.,	127 18
Tuning and repairing pianos,	30 00
Association reports,	26 85
Medicine and medical supplies,	138 49
Water tax,	183 56
Insurance,	509 82
Ordinary construction and repairs,	1,445 70
Expresses,	120 48
Moving from Dover to Waltham,	53 00
Clothing expenses,	1,001 46
Sundries,	102 32
Stable,	78 95
Grain and hay for farm,	222 73
Wagons and harnesses,	79 45
Stock,	254 00
Tools,	189 56
Fertilizer, seeds, vines, etc.,	104 57
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APPENDIX.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1886.

[Acts, Chap. 298.]

AN ACT concerning the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded shall establish and maintain two departments, one for the instruction and education of feeble-minded persons who are within the school age, or who in the judgment of the trustees thereof are capable of being benefited by school instruction, to be known as the school department; and one for the care and custody of those feeble-minded persons who are beyond the school age or are not capable of being benefited by school instruction, to be known as the custodial department.

SECT. 2. The persons who have been or who hereafter may be received by said corporation. shall from time to time be classified in and between said departments as the trustees shall see fit. and the trustees may receive and discharge pupils at their discretion, and may at any time discharge any pupil or other inmate and cause him to be removed either to his home or to the place of his settlement or to the custody of the state board of lunacy and charity, and they may also allow any inmate to be absent on a visit for a period not exceeding three months, and the liability of any person or place to said corporation for the support of such inmate shall not be suspended by reason of such absence unless such inmate shall during such period become a charge to the state elsewhere.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall gratuitously receive, maintain and educate in the school department such indigent feeble-minded persons from this Commonwealth as shall be designated by the governor upon the recommendation of the secretary of the state board of education. Special pupils may be received from any other state or province at a charge not less than three hundred dollars per annum. The trustees may also at their discretion receive, maintain and educate, except in the custodial department, other feeble-minded persons either gratuitously or upon such terms as they may determine.

SECT. 4.* There shall be allowed and paid annually out of the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of twenty thousand dollars to the treasurer of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded for the use of said school in equal quarterly instalments, commencing on the first day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

SECT. 5. When it is made to appear upon application in writing to a judge of a probate court that a person is a fit subject for the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, such judge may commit such person to said institution by an order of commitment directed to the trustees thereof, accompanied by the certificate of a physician who is a graduate of some legally organized medical college and has practised three years in this Commonwealth, that such person is a suitable subject for said institution. The fees of the judge for hearing and determining the application shall be three dollars, and in cases where he is required to go from his office or place of business to attend such hearing, an additional fee of one dollar and all necessary expenses of travel, to be paid upon the certificate of the judge by the treasurer of the county in which such hearing was had.

SECT. 6. A person applying for the commitment of a feeble-minded person under the provisions of section five of this chapter shall first give notice in writing to the mayor, or one of the selectmen of the place where such feeble-minded person resides, of his intention to make such application, and satisfactory evidence that such notice has been given shall be produced to the judge and accompany the order of commitment.

SECT. 7. The charges for the support of inmates in the custodial department of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded shall be three dollars and twenty-five cents a week for each person, and shall be paid quarterly as follows: For those not having known settlements in the Commonwealth, by the Common-

* Repealed, chapter 123, Acts of 1887.

wealth, and the same may afterwards be recovered by the treasurer of the Commonwealth, of the feeble-minded persons themselves, if of sufficient ability to pay the same, or of any person or kindred bound by law to maintain them, or of the place of their settlement if any such is ascertained; for those having known settlements in this Commonwealth, either by the persons bound to pay or by the place in which such inmates had their settlement at the time of their admission, unless other sufficient security is taken to the satisfaction of the trustees for such support. If any person or place refuses or neglects to pay such charges, or such sums as may be charged and due for the removal of an inmate whom the trustees are authorized by law to remove, for thirty days after the same has been demanded in writing by the treasurer of the institution, of the mayor and aldermen of the city, or of the selectmen of the town, or of the person liable therefor, the same with interest from the time of such demand may be recovered for the use of the institution in an action of contract in the name of the treasurer of the institution against such delinquent city, town or person, and the district attorneys or other prosecuting officers shall bring any of the actions authorized by this section when requested.

SECT. 8. Every city or town paying the charges and expenses for the support or removal of a feeble-minded person admitted to said Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded shall have like rights and remedies to recover the full amount thereof with interest and costs of the place of his settlement, or of the feeble-minded person himself if of sufficient ability to pay, or of any person bound by law to maintain him, as if such charges and expenses had been incurred in the ordinary support of such feeble-minded person.

SECT. 9. The trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded shall annually prepare and send to the board of education a written or printed report of its proceedings, income and expenditures, properly classified, for the year ending on the thirtieth day of September, stating the sum appropriated by the Commonwealth, the sum expended under said appropriation, the whole number and the average number of inmates, the number and salaries of officers and persons employed, and such other information as the board may require, and shall also once in three months make a report to said board stating the number of inmates received and the number discharged during the preceding three months, also the whole number then in the institution, and the number of beneficiaries supported by the Commonwealth, together with such other information as the board may require.

SECT. 10. The state board of lunacy and charity may from time to time transfer from the state almshouse, state workhouse, state

primary school or either of the state lunatic hospitals, to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded any inmate whose condition would be benefited by such transfer, upon the certificate of a physician that such person is a suitable subject for said institution. All accounts for the support of inmates in the custodial department of said Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded by the Commonwealth under this act shall, after they have been approved by the board of lunacy and charity, be presented to the auditor and paid from the treasury.

SECT. 11. Said corporation may hold for the purpose aforesaid real estate not exceeding in value two hundred thousand dollars, as well as the personal estate now authorized by law.

SECT. 12. Chapter two hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, except so much thereof as authorizes a change of the name of said school, and chapter eighty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed. Said repeal shall not affect any act done, or any right accrued, or any cause of action, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced in a civil case, or any commitment made, before the repeal takes effect.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect on the first day of July next. [*Approved June 18, 1886.*]

1887.

[Acts, Chap. 123.]

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, entitled **An Act concerning the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be allowed and paid annually, out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to the treasurer of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, for the use of said school, in equal quarterly payments, commencing on the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

SECT. 2. Section four of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 28, 1887.*]

[Resolves, Chap. 21.]

RESOLVE in favor of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of five thousand dollars to the treasurer of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, to make good a similar sum expended from the permanent funds of the institution in enlarging its school accommodations. [*Approved March 24, 1887.*]

[Resolves, Chap. 64.]

RESOLVE providing for the purchase of land for the use of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing additional land for the use of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of said institution. The amount of expenditure authorized in this resolve is to purchase land with a view of establishing the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded in another locality, and erecting thereon at some future time such buildings as will suitably provide for the wants of the institution. [*Approved May 26, 1887.*]

1888.

[Resolves, Chap. 82.]

RESOLVE providing for the erection of buildings in the city of Waltham for the use of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, to be expended, under the direction of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the use of said school to provide for not less than two hundred and fifty patients: *provided*, that a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars may be expended during the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and seventy-five thousand dollars during the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and seventy-five thousand dollars during the year eighteen hundred and ninety: *provided, further*, that no portion of the sums mentioned in this resolve shall be expended until plans for said buildings shall have been approved by the Governor and Council, and until the land, recently purchased in the city of Waltham for the use of said school, shall have been conveyed to the Commonwealth by a good and sufficient deed, and free from all encumbrances. [*Approved May 22, 1888.*]

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

The best age for admission is between eight and twelve years.

The institution is not intended for epileptic or insane children, nor for those who are incurably hydrocephalic or paralytic. None such will be retained, to the exclusion of more improvable subjects.

Children should come well provided with plain, strong clothing, and stout shoes for walking in any weather. Those who tear and destroy their clothing should be provided with garments made expressly for them, and of such form and texture as not to be easily torn.

The children of indigent parents in Massachusetts can secure gratuitous admission in accordance with the law. For others, a charge will be made proportionate to the means of the parents and the trouble and cost of treating them.*

Persons applying for admission of children must fill out certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application.

For further particulars, apply in person or by letter to the superintendent,

WALTER E. FERNALD, M.D.

* Indigent pupils from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island can secure gratuitous admission by application to the governors of their respective States, information about which will be furnished by applying to the superintendent, as above.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

TRUSTEES. — A meeting of the trustees shall be held quarterly.

QUORUM. — The presence of three members shall constitute a quorum.

VISITING COMMITTEE. — The trustees in turn visit the institution, one each week, and meet quarterly at the school.

The trustee making the weekly visit shall examine the state of the institution; the condition, etc., of the pupils, and of all the rooms in the establishment; and receive and examine any report of the superintendent, and make a record of his visit and impressions.

He may report on the state and condition of the institution at any quarterly meeting of the trustees.

AUDITORS. — Two auditors shall be appointed annually. They shall examine all the accounts of the institution and treasurer. They shall aid the treasurer in the investment of any funds belonging to the institution; and no money shall be paid out by the treasurer without their order.

SUPERINTENDENT. — It shall be the duty of the superintendent to reside at, and give his whole time to the service of, the institution.

He shall select and employ all subordinate officers, teachers, assistants and servants of the institution, subject to the approval of the executive committee, and shall consult the executive committee before making any material changes in the administration of the institution.

He shall have the general superintendence of the whole institution, and have charge of all the pupils, and direct and control all the persons therein, subject to the regulation of the trustees.

He shall regulate the diet, regimen, exercises and employments, and the whole course of the education and training, of the pupils.

He shall, from time to time, give to all persons employed in the institution such instructions as he shall deem best to carry into operation all the rules and regulations of the same; and he shall cause such rules and regulations to be strictly and faithfully executed.

He shall make a record of the name, age and condition, parentage and probable cause of deficiency, of each pupil, and of all the circumstances that may illustrate his or her condition or character; and also keep a record, from time to time, of the progress of each one.

He shall purchase fuel, provisions, stores and furniture, and shall be responsible for the safe-keeping and expenditure thereof: *provided, however*, that, if the trustees think it best to appoint a steward, he shall perform these duties with the concurrence of the superintendent.

He shall collect and receive all the moneys due from the pupils, and deposit the same with the treasurer.

He shall keep a separate account with each one of the pupils, or with the parents or guardians of such of the pupils as are not beneficiaries of Massachusetts, charging them with all expenses of board, instruction, etc., and with all the money expended for clothing and other necessities, or proper indulgences.

He shall make quarterly reports to the trustees of the condition of the institution, and make such suggestions as he may think the interests of the institution require.

He shall prepare for the trustees and the corporation an annual report, in which he will show the history, progress and condition of the institution, and the success of the attempts to educate and improve the feeble-minded youth.

The teachers, assistants and pupils will be under the immediate direction of the superintendent, and no orders shall be given to them except through him.

No officer, assistant or pupil can absent himself from the institution without the permission of the superintendent.

The hours for work, for exercise, for study, and for recreation, being established by the superintendent, each teacher, assistant and pupil will be expected to conform strictly to them.

MATRON. — The matron, under the direction of the superintendent, shall have charge of the house.

She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the trustees, and see that order and good conduct prevail in every part of the establishment.

If improper conduct is observed in any subordinate or inmate, she shall report the same to the superintendent.

VISITORS. — Persons may visit the institution under such regulations as the trustees and superintendent shall establish.

TOBACCO. — The use of tobacco, either in smoking or otherwise, is prohibited in the institution.

BENEFICIARIES. — Candidates for admission must be over six years of age.

They must be provided with suitable changes of raiment for winter and summer, and especially with thick shoes or boots.

The boys must have at least six good cotton shirts, three night-shirts, and six pairs of socks or stockings; two coats or jackets, two pairs of trousers, two waistcoats and an overcoat, two pairs of shoes or boots, six pocket-handkerchiefs, and a good cap or hat.

The girls must be provided with the same quantity of linen, and with three gowns and three night-dresses. The clothing must all be of good, serviceable material.

It must be renewed from time to time, as may be necessary, by the parents; anything more than common mending will not be done at the expense of the institution.

All the articles of clothing must be marked with the name of the owner, — *at full length*.

PUPILS NOT BENEFICIARIES. — Any suitable person may be admitted to the institution, on presenting to the superintendent sufficient evidence of fitness for it, on such terms as he or the trustees shall determine, according to the responsibilities and difficulties in each case. Payments are to be made quarterly, in advance, or sufficient security therefor given.

Private pupils must be provided with at least two decent suits of clothing, and sufficient changes of garments of all kinds for winter and also summer.

They will be required to observe strictly all the rules and regulations of the institution.

NOTICE.

The school is situated at 723 Eighth Street, South Boston, and may be reached by taking any horse-car of the South Boston line, and getting off at M Street. Visitors are admitted on Wednesdays, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Owing to the limited means of many of the pupils, they are often in need of clothing, as the school has but a small fund which it can apply for the purpose. Contributions of clothing, or material therefor, suitable for children between the ages of eight and eighteen, will be gladly received, and may be sent directly to the school, at our expense, or will be sent for by the superintendent, if notified.

Further contributions of all sorts of material for the industrial work of the pupils will be gratefully received, and put to good uses. Articles such as remnants and scraps of silks, worsteds, prints, flannels, carpets old and new, rags suitable for rugs, and the like, are in great demand, and none too many can be given us.

A visit to the school is urged upon all interested in this noble charity.

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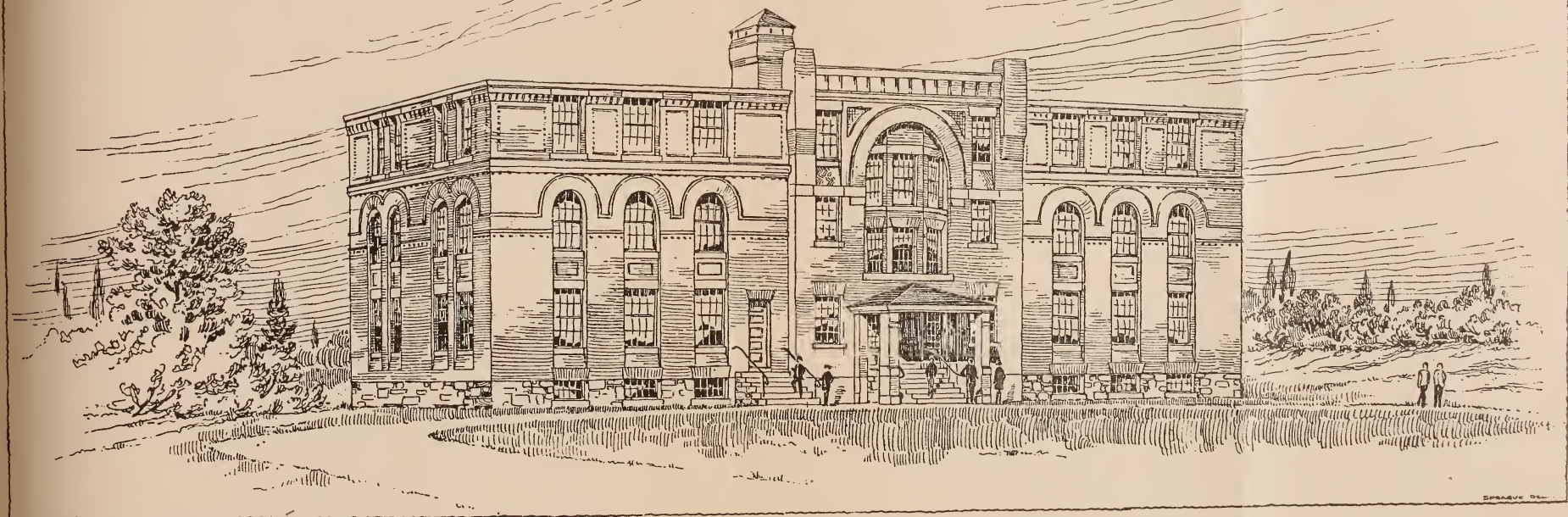
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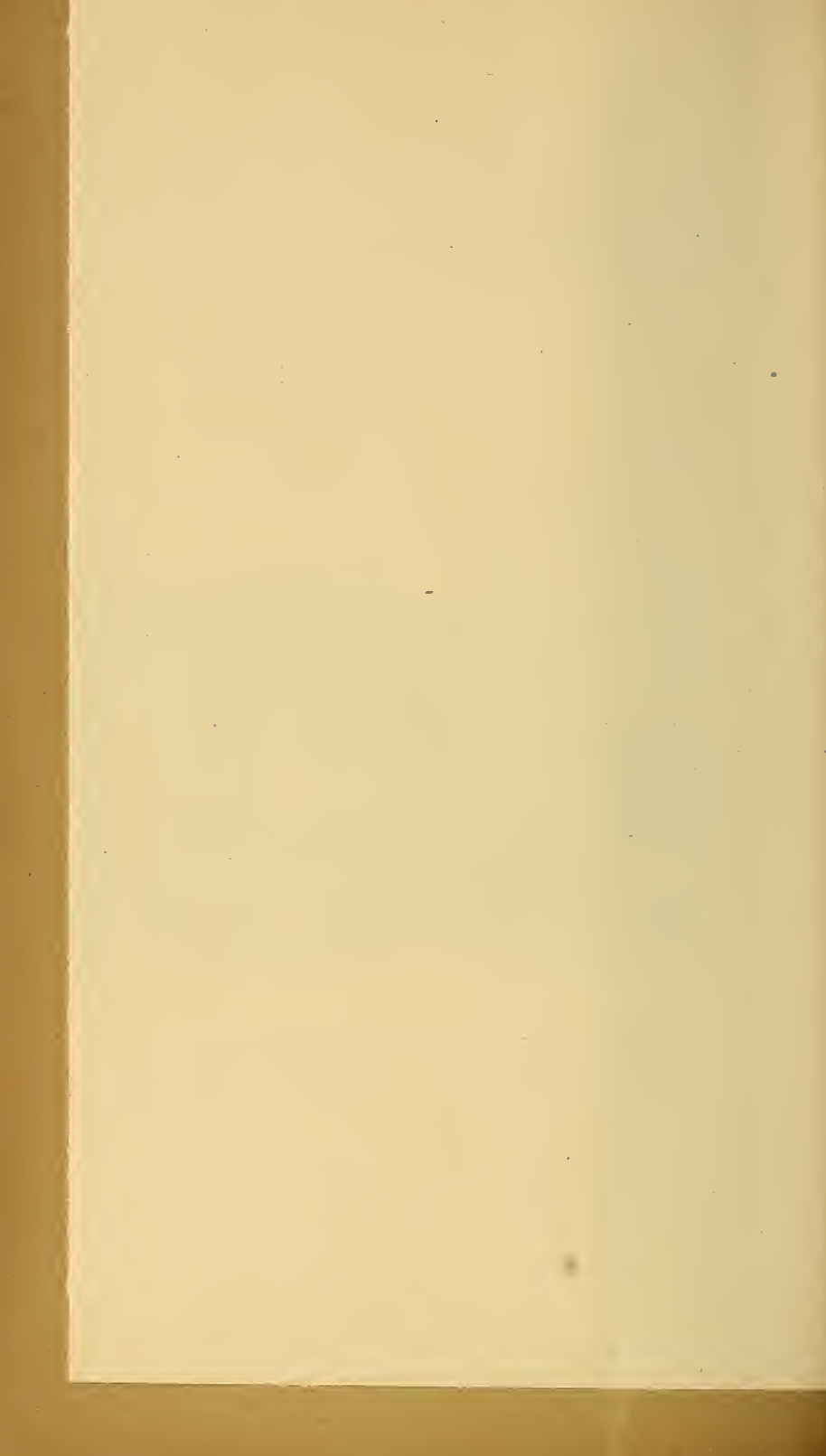


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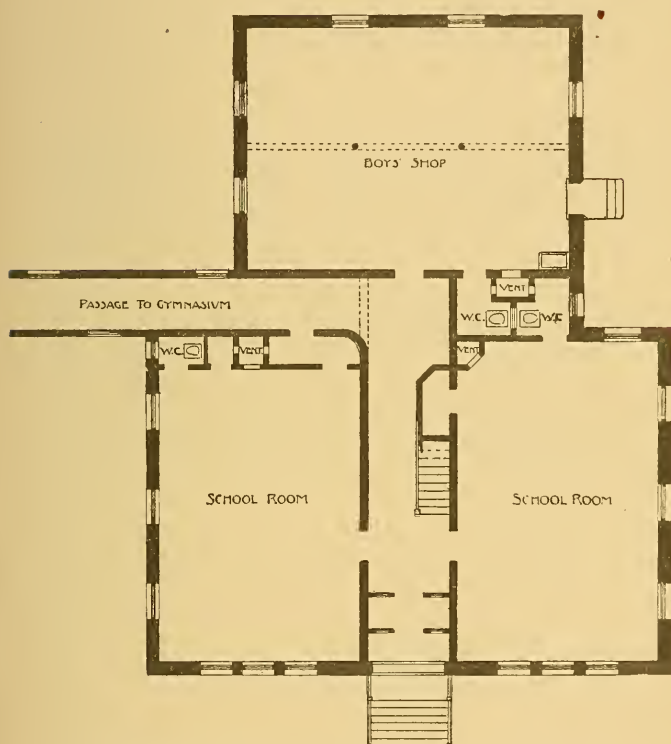
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